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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: HUTCHINSON CASE

1. FROM PERUSAL OF TERRORISTS' COMMUNIQUE SCALING DOWN DEMANDS, IT CLEAR THAT FACE-SAVING DEVICE THEY EMPLOYED WAS HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS. THEIR CITATION FROM PLINIO MATOS REGARDING THE CONTINUING FIGHT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT.

2. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN NOW TO STIMULATING TWO KINDS OF AUTHENTIC MESSAGES FROM OUTSIDE THE DOM REP DESTINED FOR THE TERRORISTS: (1) MESSAGES FROM HUMANITARIAN AND CONCERNED CITIZENS' GROUP EMPHASIZING THE HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS; AND (2) MESSAGES FROM LEFT WING OR COMMUNIST GROUPS STRESSING THAT THE TERRORISTS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PUBLICIZING THEIR CAUSE AND NOW UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IS THAT THEY SUCCEED IN EXTRICATING THEMSELVES AND GET ABROAD SAFELY TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT. THE CONCEPT IS TO PROVIDE THE TERRORISTS WITH MORE FACE-SAVING MATERIAL AND PREPARE THEM PSYCHOLOGICALLY FOR THE BANGKOK SOLUTION.

3. DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT OF THE MESSAGE, THE ADDRESSEE COULD BE POLANCO, ANY OF THE THREE CHIEFS OF MISSION, LOCAL SECRET

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CHURCH GROUPS ETC. OR LOCAL LEFT OR COMMUNIST LEADERS.

4. I HAVE A SMALL TASK FORCE WORKING ON SOUND SAMPLE  
MESSAGES FOR DEPT'S CONSIDERATION. MUCH APPRECIATE DEPT  
REVIEWING OUR ASSETS AND CAPABILITY IN U.S. AND ABROAD  
FOR STIMULATING SUCH MESSAGES.  
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